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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

Pending U.S. Patent Application, now allowed:

Application No. 09/318,136

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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/318,136, entitled "Particle-Mediated Conifer Transformation," (Kodrzycki et al.) was filed on December 21, 2001 as a Continued Prosecution Application of the parent application filed on May 25, 1999.

A copy of this reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449.

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This citation does not constitute an admission that the reference is relevant or material to the claims; it is cited only as constituting the closest art of which the applicant is aware.

Respectfully submitted,

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